



Community Appearance Commission

Minutes

February 7, 2007

The regular meeting of the Salisbury Community Appearance Commission was called to order Wednesday, February 7, 2007, at 4 p.m. by Barbara Perry, Chair, in the Council Chamber, 217 South Main Street, Salisbury, North Carolina. The following members were present and absent:

Present: Greta Connor, Diane Gibbs, Chad Morgan, Barbara Perry, Sara Robinson, Bill Safrit, Johnny Safrit, and Tom Wolpert

Absent: Cindee Bridges, Suzette Davis, and Barbara Lawther

Staff: Lynn Raker and Diana Moghrabi

Barbara Perry, Chair, called the meeting to order. The minutes of the January meeting were approved as submitted. The Financial Report was accepted as submitted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Art in Public Places

- Public services will install the markers that are ready as soon as they have time.
- The committee is still working on a brochure.
- Lynn Raker and Barbara Perry will make a presentation to City Council at the Council Retreat February 15.
- The committee continues to work with the artist on the gateway project.
- Permission has been granted to put the "integration" marker in the private sidewalk next to the Holmes Building (121 W. Innes St.). This is property the *Salisbury Post* owns. Markers will not be allowed to be affixed to the Salisbury Depot building.

Neighborhoods & Education Committee

Greta Connor scheduled a meeting of the Neighborhood Leadership Alliance for March 29 at 4 p.m. in the Council Chamber. This will be leading up to the Spring Spruce Up.

The CAC Neighborhoods and Education Committee will meet March 1, at noon in the first floor conference room at City Hall. The committee will plan the March 29 meeting at this time.

Mark Lewis recommended the CAC request \$5000 for neighborhood signs in the City budget. It is a good program that Council could become accustomed to. The Park Avenue sign is due in three weeks. It would be good if it could be displayed at the Neighborhood Leadership Alliance meeting.

Landscaping

Landscape of the Month—Lynn is getting a proposal from Chapman Signs for the replacements. In the meantime, please be getting some ideas about nominations for the spring awards. One of the old signs is still at Robert Crum's.

Municipal Service District (MSD) and Innes Street Improvement Grants (ISG)

A report was included and attached to these minutes. Randy Hemann planned to get the application for OK Wig; at this time he has not been able to follow up.

The "Social Security Building" (Clay Lindsay) has changed their design. Lynn Raker has requested communication about the changes. They will need to submit a new application for a grant for the new design.

Mark Lewis has been an advocate for the CAC budget that will be addressed at the Council Retreat next week; budget decisions will not be made for several months.

OTHER BUSINESS

Lynn Raker met with Betz Bigelow about a combined effort between CAC and Downtown Salisbury, Inc. (DSI) to bring more recycling to the downtown. Lynn also met with Lori Swaim, Supervisor for the County's recycling program. Ms. Swaim explained that the County cannot do widespread recycling due to contamination in beer bottles and such. These must be sorted through and there is too much liability. This is costly for Rowan County. Reducing and reusing is more helpful than recycling.

There will be a new state law that will require all businesses with ABC licenses to recycle.

{NOTE: During the 2005 legislative session, the North Carolina General Assembly passed House [Bill 1518](#), Session Law 2005-348 requiring holders of certain ABC permits (liquor licenses) to recycle all beverage containers.

*This bill does not affect everyone with a liquor license but it does affect virtually all bars and restaurants. House Bill 1518 becomes effective **January 1, 2008**.*

The affected ABC permit types are:

- *on-premises malt beverage*
- *on-premises unfortified wine*
- *on-premises fortified wine*
- *mixed beverages permits*

Recycling is required for beverage containers sold at retail price for on-premises consumption. For example, a small single-serving vodka bottle must be recycled, but a full size vodka bottle located behind the bar and served per drink does not need to be recycled.

The main types of containers affected by the legislation are glass bottles, aluminum cans, and plastic bottles. Through previous legislation, aluminum cans were already banned from disposal in North Carolina, and [House Bill 1465](#) also enacted in 2005, bans the disposal of plastic bottles by October 2009. The bans on plastic bottles and aluminum cans apply to everyone. For most ABC permit holders, glass bottles will be the majority of the materials generated for recycling.}

There will be an Earth Day (April 22) event sponsored by DSI. CAC is planning on placing the standard insert into the early April water bills about the Spring Spruce Up. CAC can encourage organizations to participate in the cleanup. CAC does provide bags and gloves at 520 N. Fulton Street. This is a good community service project for youth.

There was a discussion about downtown sidewalk displays and window obstructions. Lynn will follow up with stakeholders and code enforcement.

The Mayor invited the CAC to a Boards and Commissions luncheon and training session Friday, February 16, at City Hall. Margaret Henderson of the School of Governments will facilitate the training. Please RSVP.

The Branding and Wayfinding Steering Committee will wrap up the steering committee input Thursday, February 8, at noon.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned. The next regular CAC meeting will be March 7, 2007.

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